Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 015-14285-2836-145	Date: 11/28/15	Time: 2310 Hours	
Location: [redacted] S. Center Avenue	City or Station: Compton		
Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol Division/ Compton Station	Admin. Investigation: ( ) YES (•) NO		
Type of Force: Personnel Weapons/ Control Holds/ Team Takedown/ Resisted Handcuffing			
Incident Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3	Deputy Injury: (•) YES ( ) NO	Suspect Injury (•) YES ( ) NO	
[X] Call	[ ] Observation	[ ] Detail	[ ] Foot Pursuit [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: (•) YES ( ) NO	Person Notified: Lt. David Grall	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out (•) YES ( ) NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Hidalgo	First Name: Josue	Middle I.: N.M.N	Rank: DSG	
Sex: (•) M ( ) F	Race: H	Height: 5' 07"	Weight: 195	Age: [redacted]	Shift: (•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM; (•) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Compton Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 281T1				
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons/ Control Holds/ Team Takedown	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	Individual Category ( ) 1 ( ) 2 (•) 3			
[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #			

E2

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	Middle I.: [redacted]	Rank: [redacted]	
Sex: [redacted] M ( ) F	Race: [redacted]	Height: [redacted]	Weight: [redacted]	Age: [redacted]	Shift: [redacted] EM ( ) Day ( ) PM; [redacted] Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]				
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons/ Control Holds/ Team Takedown	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	Individual Category ( ) 1 (•) 2 ( ) 3			
[X] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #			

E3

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	Middle I.: [redacted]	Rank: DSG	
Sex: (•) M ( ) F	Race: H	Height: 5' 07"	Weight: 195	Age: [redacted]	Shift: (•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM; ( ) Regular Shift (•) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Compton Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 284E				
Individual Force Used: Control Holds/Takedown	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	Individual Category ( ) 1 (•) 2 ( ) 3			
[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #			

On Duty Supervisor

[X] Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Thomas	Arthur	R.	Sgt.	(•) YES ( ) NO	( ) YES (•) NO

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Marchena	Jorge	A.	Sgt.	( ) YES (•) NO	( ) YES (•) NO

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Lucio	Marc	A.	Lt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: | Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #: [redacted]

Michael E. Thatcher, Captain

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

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[ ] PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
(◉) M ( ) F	H	5' 11"	210	[redacted]	(◉) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(◉) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Compton Station

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 284E

Individual Force Used: Control Holds/Takedown/Hobble

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 (◉) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ____________

Coroner Case #

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ____________

Coroner Case #

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ____________

Coroner Case #

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:

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Individual Force Used:

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Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

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Individual Force Used:

( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist

Individual Category: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: ____________

Coroner Case #

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Cressel | First Name: Steven | Middle Name: Henry | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: B | Age: 49 | Height: 5' 08" | Weight: 225 | D.O.B: 09-09-66 | Phone #1: [redacted] | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4512289 | Primary Charge Code: 69 PC | Secondary Charge Code: 243(b) PC | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: Compton Fire Dept. | Unit: 443 | Phone #: 310-605-5670

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: St. Francis Med Cent. | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☒ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Alyssa Scott | Address: 3630 E Imperial Hwy,Lynwood CA 90262 | Phone #: 310-900-8900

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO | Substance: Alcohol | 5150 a factor in force? (●) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 11-30-2015 | Time: 1355 | ☒ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Cloud	Chad	A.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Compton Station	285E	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Branson	Tony	N.MN.		
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
201 S. Acacia Avenue	Compton	90220	310-6055670	
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
Donald	Reginal	N.M.N.		
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
201 S. Acacia Avenue	Compton	90220	310-6055670	
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
Alexander	Cyrus	N.M.N		
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
201 S. Acacia Avenue	Compton	90220	310-6055670	
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	53	[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	73	[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	50	[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	41	[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	27	[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	66	[redacted]
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

☒ **Additional Witness**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: ◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: ◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift: ◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	47	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	90221	[redacted]	[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Hidalgo	E1	Cressel	S1	UC	NN	
Hidalgo	E1	Cressel	S1	CT	NN	AR
Cressel	S1	Hidalgo	E1	RS		
Hidalgo	E1	Cressel	S1	CT	NN	AR
[redacted]	E2	Cressel	S1	CT	NN	AR
[redacted]	E2	Cressel	S1	RH	NN	WR
Cressel	S1	Hidalgo	E1	PP	NN	
Cressel	S1	[redacted]	E2	PP	NN	
[redacted]	E2	Cressel	S1	PH	NN	FA
Cressel	S1	[redacted]	E2	PO	BR	FA
Hidalgo	E1	Cressel	S1	PO	FR	FA
[redacted]	E3	Cressel	S1	CT	NN	AR
Hidalgo	E1	Cressel	S1	TD	NN	
[redacted]	E2	Cressel	S1	TD	NN	
[redacted]	E3	Cressel	S1	TD	NN	
[redacted]	E4	Cressel	S1	TD	NN	
Hidalgo	E1	Cressel	S1	PH	NN	AD
[redacted]	E2	Cressel	S1	RH	NN	WR
[redacted]	E4	Cressel	S1	HB	NN	LE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **Use of Force, Orbital Fracture**

IAB FILE NUMBERS: **FO 2390715**

URN#: **015-14285-2836-145**

DATE/TIME: **November 28, 2015, 2310 hours**

LOCATION: **[redacted] S. Center Drive, Compton**

SYNOPSIS

On November 29, 2015 an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant David Grall, Sergeant Jorge Marchena, and Sergeant Chad Smeltzer responded to Compton Station regarding a use of force resulting in an orbital fracture.

On November 28, 2015, at 2256 hours, deputies from Compton Sheriff's Station responded to [redacted] S. Center Drive, Compton regarding a structure fire of a residence call, Tag-220 **[EXHIBIT A]**. Deputy (Witness) [redacted] and Deputy Chad Cloud (Unit 285/EM) were the first unit on scene. Witness [redacted] and Deputy Cloud contacted a black male adult (Suspect Cressel) in front of the residence on fire to ascertain if there were any more occupants inside the residence. Suspect Cressel told the deputies he did not know if anyone else was inside.

Witness [redacted] and Deputy Cloud subsequently assisted [redacted] who was inside the residence away from the property. Within minutes of the deputies arriving on scene, Compton City Fire Engine 421 arrived and began to deploy water hoses to extinguish the fire. The fire engine was manned by Captain (Witness) Tony Branson, Engineer (Witness) Reginald Donald, and Firefighter (Witness) Cyrus Alexander.

Witness Branson and Witness Alexander were deployed with other firefighters on scene to extinguish the fire. Witness Donald was tasked with operating the fire engine controls and supplying water to the hoses. Witness Donald stood on the driver's side of the fire engine, unloading gear and preparing to operate the water supply controls of the engine when he was approached by Suspect Cressel. Suspect Cressel had his hands up in the air and was hysterical. Witness Donald did not know if Suspect Cressel was going to hit him, so he grabbed the suspect

by both wrists and pushed him back **[REFER TO WITNESS DONALD TRANSCRIPT, page 2].**

Deputy (Witness) Josue Hidalgo (Unit 281T1/EM) arrived on scene and observed Witness Donald struggling with Suspect Cressel. Witness Hidalgo approached Suspect Cressel and attempted to detain him by grabbing the suspect's left bicep. Witness [redacted] (Unit [redacted] EM) observed Witness Hidalgo attempt to detain Suspect Cressel and assisted him by grabbing the suspect's right arm. Once Witness Hidalgo and Witness [redacted] engaged Suspect Cressel, Witness Donald back away and resumed his duties operating the fire engine controls.

A fight ensued between Witness Hidalgo, Witness [redacted] and Suspect Cressel. During the course of the fight, Suspect Cressel elbowed Witness [redacted] in the head. Witness Hidalgo bent the suspect forward at the waist and delivered a single right knee strike to the left side of the suspect's face. The knee strike allowed the deputies to perform a team takedown of the suspect and handcuff him. The suspect sustained an orbital fracture to his left eye socket. All the reports documenting the incident are submitted as **[EXHIBIT B].**

During the course of the investigation, it was revealed Suspect Cressel was the owner of the residence that was on fire. Suspect Cressel was identified by arson investigators as the person suspected of starting the fire inside the residence. The structure fire was documented in an Incident Report under URN #015-14284-2836-270.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Josue Hidalgo, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
Compton Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	June 18, 2007
Date Assigned to Compton Station:	June 1, 2014
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol

Magazines (3)

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

Handcuffs

Hobble

Sap

Radio

Taser (in radio car)

PR-24 baton (in radio car)

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

Work History

Date of Employment:
[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol

Magazines (4)

Collapsible baton

Radio

Handcuffs (2)

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

PR-24 baton (in radio car)

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
Compton Station

Work History

Date of Employment: October 15, 2007
Date Assigned to Compton Station: November 14, 2014
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol

Magazines (3)

Collapsible baton

Radio

Handcuffs (2)

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

PR-24 baton (in radio car)

Flashlight

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
Compton Station

Work History

Date of Employment: August 14, 2006
Date Assigned to Compton Station: November 10, 2013
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol

Magazines (3)

Collapsible baton

Radio

Handcuffs (2)

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

PR-24 baton (in radio car)

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Steven H. Cressel
Male, Black, DOB: September 9, 1966, 5'08" 225 pounds
[redacted]
CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

> IAB Note: **A copy of Suspect Cressel's criminal history is included with this case [EXHIBIT C].**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Cressel sustained an orbital fracture to his left eye area with swelling, an abrasion to his right cheek, and a cut to his upper lip. See photographs submitted as **[EXHIBIT D]**.

Suspect Cressel was transported to St. Francis Medical Center and treated in the emergency room by Dr. Alyssa Scott. Dr. Scott stated the injuries sustained by the suspect were consistent with the force used.

Suspect Cressel's medical records from St. Francis Medical Center and the Los Angeles County Jail were collected and included with this investigation as **[EXHIBIT D].**

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Witness [redacted] sustained minor swelling and redness under his left eye. See photographs submitted as **[EXHIBIT E]**.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Six hours transpired from the use of force to Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigator's observations.

When IAB investigators arrived on scene all Compton City Fire personnel had left the location. The suspect's residence had fire damage to the upper and lower floors of the structure. The area was predominantly residential with a narrow street.

The scene was photographed by IAB investigators **[EXHIBIT F]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY JOSUE HIDALGO

Deputy Hidalgo used personal weapons.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT CRESSEL

Suspect Cressel used personal weapons.

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT CRESSEL

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the assault upon Deputy Hidalgo, Deputy [redacted] and Firefighter Donald was handled by Compton Station Detectives.

Suspect Cressel was charged with one felony count of Obstructing or Resisting an Executive Officer, 69 PC and one misdemeanor count of Battery on a Peace Officer, 243 (b) PC on December 1, 2015. The case was subsequently dismissed in the furtherance of justice per 1385 PC on February 4, 2016.

At the time this incident occurred, Suspect Cressel was on [redacted] Suspect Cressel was [redacted] His [redacted] was violated as a result of this incident and he was [redacted]

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The scene was illuminated by an overhead street light at the location. The weather was clear and cool.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved deputies and determined they were consistent with their IAB Administrative Force Review interviews.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JOSUE HIDALGO

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Witness Hidalgo regarding this case.

On November 28, 2015, Witness Hidalgo was assigned to Compton Station to the early morning shift assigned as 281T1. Witness Hidalgo was assigned to a uniformed position, patrolling in a marked patrol vehicle. Witness Hidalgo responded to a structure fire call in a residential neighborhood. Witness Hidalgo positioned himself on foot in front of the structure on fire to keep the area clear for firefighters to combat the fire. Witness Hidalgo's attention was drawn to Suspect Cressel, who was trying to hug a fireman (Witness Donald) who was unloading gear from a fire engine. The fire engine was parked on the street adjacent to the location on fire. Witness Hidalgo heard the fireman telling Suspect Cressel to back away.

Witness Hidalgo approached the suspect who appeared to impede the fireman from doing his duties. Witness Hidalgo put his hand on the suspect's left bicep and gave the suspect several verbal commands to back away and have a seat on the curb. The suspect did not acknowledge Witness Hidalgo and tucked his hands into his body. Witness Hidalgo attempted to handcuff the suspect as the fireman held onto Suspect Cressel's right wrist. The suspect began to move his body around at which point Witness [redacted] approached to assist. Witness [redacted] grabbed the suspect's right arm in an attempt to restrain the suspect. Once Witness [redacted] grabbed the suspect's right arm, the fireman released his grip of the suspect's right arm and resumed his duties **[REFER TO WITNESS HIDALGO'S TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 6-8]**.

Suspect Cressel began to push his body forward against Witness Hidalgo and Witness [redacted] Witness Hidalgo did not use OC spray against the suspect due to the close proximity, and he did want to release his grip of the suspect. Witness Hidalgo could not use his radio to call for assistance due to his radio being knocked to the ground from the struggle with the suspect. The struggle also caused Witness [redacted] radio mic to fall to the ground. Witness Hidalgo and Witness [redacted] struggled with the suspect in the middle of the street in between two fire trucks. Due to the loud sound emitted by the fire engines parked on the street, Witness Hidalgo was not able to yell loud enough for help to the other deputies on the street to hear him.

Witness Hidalgo momentarily released his hold of the suspect to "flash" the other deputies on the street with his flash light to get their attention. When Witness Hidalgo released his hold of the suspect, the suspect used his body to push Witness [redacted] against a fire engine parked on the street **[REFER TO WITNESS HIDALGO'S TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 10-11]**.

The suspect used his elbow to strike Witness [redacted] on the left side of his face several times. Due to the suspect's assault on Witness [redacted] Witness Hidalgo approached the suspect, grabbed him by the shoulder and pulled him forward and struck him once the left side of his face with his knee. The knee strike stopped the suspect from hitting Witness [redacted] with his elbow. Two other deputies responded and they were able to perform a takedown of the suspect and handcuff him **[REFER TO WITNESS HIDALGO'S TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 12-13]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] regarding this case.

On November 28, 2015, Witness [redacted] was assigned to Compton Station to the early morning shift assigned to work a two man patrol unit, [redacted] Witness [redacted] was partnered with Deputy Chad Cloud in a uniformed assignment, patrolling in a marked patrol vehicle. The deputies responded to a structure fire call. When they arrived on scene, they observed the residence on fire. The deputies assisted a resident who was trapped inside the garage, exit to safety **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 4-5]**.

After pulling the resident out of the house, Witness [redacted] was standing just north of the structure fire getting himself together because he had inhaled some smoke. Witness [redacted] observed Suspect Cressel grabbing a fireman (Witness Donald) and pulling on him. The fireman forcefully pushed the suspect back as the fireman was attempting to unload gear from a fire engine **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 7-8]**.

Witness [redacted] saw Witness Hidalgo approach the suspect at the same moment he walked toward the suspect. Witness Hidalgo contacted the suspect and attempted to pull him away from the fireman. Witness [redacted] contacted the suspect and placed himself in-between the suspect and the fireman. Witness [redacted] told the suspect to calm down. Witness [redacted] grabbed a hold of the suspect's right arm which the suspect held tight against his body. Witness [redacted] was able to get one handcuff on the suspect's left wrist **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 9-12]**.

Suspect Cressel was able to overpower the deputies and pushed them back 10 to 15 feet against a Ford Excursion parked on the street. Due to the struggle, Witness [redacted] was not able to call for assistance. Witness Hidalgo yelled to other deputies on the street for assistance, but due to the loud noise emitting from the fire engines, he was not heard **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 13]**.

Witness Hidalgo let go of the grip he had on the suspect and stepped away to get help. At that moment, the suspect who was now facing Witness [redacted] raised his clenched fist. Inside his left clenched fist, the suspect had the loose handcuff. Witness [redacted] hit the suspect twice in the face with his fist to back the suspect away. The strikes did not have the intended effect on the suspect. The suspect lunged forward and pulled Witness [redacted] toward him. The suspect head-butted Witness [redacted] which dazed him. When Witness [redacted] regained his composure, he assisted with the takedown of the suspect. Witness [redacted] did not see Witness Hidalgo knee strike the suspect **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 14-17]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] regarding this case.

On November 28, 2015, Witness [redacted] was assigned to Compton Station to the early morning shift. He was assigned to work a two-man patrol unit, 284E. Witness [redacted] was partnered with Deputy [redacted] in a uniformed assignment, patrolling in a marked patrol vehicle. The deputies responded to a structure fire call. When they arrived on scene, they observed a residence on fire.

Witness [redacted] was assigned to direct traffic on the street when Witness Hidalgo flashed his flashlight at him to get his attention. Witness [redacted] walked toward the middle of the street to get a better view of Witness Hidalgo. Witness [redacted] view was initially obstructed by the fire engines parked on the street.

From the middle of the street, Witness [redacted] saw Witness [redacted] struggling with the suspect. Witness [redacted] saw the suspect elbowing Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] immediately responded and grabbed a hold of the suspect's left wrist. The suspect partially turned toward Witness [redacted] as he swung his elbow in a backward motion toward Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] attempted to gain control of the suspect's right arm. The suspect continued to lunge forward toward Witness [redacted] which caused the suspect to fall to the ground on top of Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] landed on his back and was able to push the suspect off him. Witness [redacted] was able gain control of the suspect's left arm, and place it behind the suspect's back at which point the suspect was handcuffed **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGE 6-9]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] regarding this case.

On November 28, 2015, Witness [redacted] was assigned to Compton Station to the early morning shift. He was assigned to work a two man patrol unit, 284E. Witness [redacted] was partnered with Deputy [redacted] in a uniformed assignment, patrolling in a marked patrol vehicle. The deputies responded to a structure fire call. When they arrived on scene, they observed a residence on fire.

Witness [redacted] was sitting in his patrol vehicle when he observed his partner, Witness [redacted] running north on the street. Witness [redacted] exited his patrol vehicle and ran in the direction of Witness [redacted] As Witness Reza ran around the fire trucks parked on the street, he saw the suspect swinging his arms toward Witness [redacted] and Witness Hidalgo. Witness [redacted] grabbed a hold of the suspect's right shoulder and assisted with the takedown of the suspect. After the takedown, Witness [redacted] attention was directed to several individuals who approached them. Witness [redacted] disengaged himself from the suspect and told the individuals to back away. Witness [redacted] broadcasted the deputy involved fight using his handheld radio **[EXHIBIT F].**

When Witness [redacted] reverted his attention back to the suspect, he was already handcuffed. Witness [redacted] applied a hobble to the suspect's legs as a proactive measure **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGES 6-11]**.

WITNESS REGINALD DONALD

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Witness Donald regarding this case.

On November 28, 2015, Witness Donald was employed by the Compton Fire Department as an engineer assigned to Engine 421. Witness Donald responded to a structure fire call at [redacted] S. Center Avenue. When he arrived on scene, Witness Donald was assigned to operate the water controls on the fire engine and supply water to the firefighters extinguishing the fire.

Witness Donald exited the fire engine, and observed the suspect standing behind the fire engine. Witness Donald walked toward the rear of the fire engine and was met midway by the suspect. The suspect appeared hysterical and had both of his hands up in the air. Witness Donald did not know if the suspect was going to hit him, so he grabbed both of the suspect's wrists. When Witness Donald grabbed the suspect's wrists, he heard the suspect mumble incoherently.

Witness Donald held onto the suspect's wrists until Witness Hidalgo approached them and attempted to detain the suspect.

Once Witness Hidalgo engaged Suspect Cressel, Witness Donald walked away to resume his duties supplying water to the firefighters on scene. Witness Donald did not witness any of the deputies' use force on the suspect **[REFER TO WITNESS DONALD'S TRANSCRIPT, PAGES 1-4]**.

WITNESS [redacted]

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] regarding this case.

On November 28, 2015, Witness [redacted] (Suspect Cressel's [redacted] was called via telephone by neighbors and informed police officer and firefighters were at her [redacted] home. Witness [redacted] drove to her [redacted] home and observed firefighters extinguishing a fire to her [redacted] home.

Witness [redacted] observed the suspect on a gurney with restraints on his arms. The suspect was in the back of an ambulance. Witness [redacted] observed the suspect had a large bump on the left side of his head. Witness [redacted] did not witness the use of force involving deputies and the suspect.

Witness [redacted] was told by "someone" in the neighborhood, the suspect was involved in a "fight" earlier in the evening prior to his contact with deputies. Witness [redacted] attempted to contact her [redacted] earlier in the day, but was unsuccessful. Witness [redacted] stated her [redacted] had disclosed to her a year earlier he was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder and was taking medication.

Witness [redacted] stated her [redacted] has a history of illegal drug use and alcohol abuse. Witness [redacted] could not identify the drugs used by the suspect or any medications taken **[REFER TO WITNESS [redacted] TRANSCRIPT, PAGES 1-4]**.

SUSEPCT STEVEN CRESSEL

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Suspect Cressel regarding this case.

> **IAB Note:** **Internal Affair Bureau investigators attempted to interview the suspect on November 29, 2015, however due to his medicated state he was unresponsive and an interview could not be conducted.**

On November 30, 2015, Suspect Cressel was interviewed by Internal Affair Bureau investigators at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Suspect Cressel stated he was involved in a "bar room fight" with a friend Saturday evening (November 28, 2015). Suspect Cressel said he was punched three to four times on the left side of his face. It was from this fight the suspect claimed he received a black eye to his face. Prior to being involved in the fight, Suspect Cressel consumed several beers. The suspect went home after the fight and put ice on his face. Suspect Cressel fell asleep, and woke up to a fire inside his residence **[REFER TO SUSPECT CRESSEL'S TRANCRIPT, PAGES 2-5]**.

Suspect Cressel walked outside his residence, and saw a fireman he claims he knew. The fireman told him he did not know him and to get away from him. After that the suspect "blacked out" **[REFER TO SUSPECT CRESSEL'S TRANCRIPT, PAGE 6]**. The suspect remembered being held down by deputies on the ground, but could not remember what happened. Suspect Cressel said he was held down between two fire trucks **[REFER TO SUSPECT CRESSEL'S TRANCRIPT, PAGES 13-14]**.

Suspect Cressel stated he was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder ten years prior to the incident occurring **[REFER TO SUSPECT CRESSEL'S TRANCRIPT, PAGE 20]**.

IAB Note: **Internal Affairs Bureau investigators attempted to identify the person involved in a fight with the suspect. Suspect Cressel would not identify the other party and residents in the neighborhood were uncooperative.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Internal Affair Bureau investigators interviewed Captain Tony Branson (Compton Fire), Cyrus Alexander (Compton Fire), neighborhood residents [redacted] and [redacted] None of the listed persons witnessed any of the deputies using force against the suspect.